Fall in sown area and yield of crop

3273. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fall in sown area as well as yield in certain crops in the country;

(b) if so, the decline in the area as well as yield in these crops during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the area as well as yield of these crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Increase/decrease (over the previous year) in area coverage and yield of major crops during the last three years, *i.e.* 2006-07 to 2008-09 is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) In order to increase area under various agricultural crops in the country, the Government has setup a National Rainfed Area Authority as an advisory, policy making and monitoring body to provide knowledge inputs regarding systematic up-gradation and management of country's dryland and rainfed agriculture. Programmes like National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas. Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded lands in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone River, Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas, Reclamation and development of Alkali and Acid Soils and other externally aided projects are also being implemented for development of rainfed and degraded land including arid and barren land through soil and water moisture conservation measures. Further, in order to increase the production and productivity of various crops in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes through State Governments. Major schemes/programmes are National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) and the Integrated Cereals Development programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice), Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Wheat) and Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture.

Statement

Increase/Decrease in Area and Yield in respect of major crops during 2006-07 to 2008-09

Crop	Increase/Decrease in Area over the previous year ('000 Hectares)			Increase/Decrease in Yield over the previous year (Kg. /Hectare)		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09*	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rice	153.8	100.8	1437.3	28.3	71.1	-15.5
Wheat	1510.9	44.1	-161.6	89.1	94.3	88.5

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Coarse Cereals	-356.7	-226.7	-864.2	9.5	249.1	-1.8
Pulses	800.4	441.3	-1262.7	14.4	12.4	30.4
Foodgrains	2108.4	359.5	-851.3	40.9	103.7	37.9
Groundnut	-1120.9	676.9	-72.5	-320.5	593.2	-279.4
Rapeseed & Mustard	-486.5	-964.5	364.0	-22.1	-94.0	188.6
Soyabean	621.2	553.0	635.8	-10.7	172.2	-194.9
Oilseeds	-1350.1	179.9	763.5	-88.0	198.6	-88.7
Sugarcane	949.1	-95.6	-659.7	2103.2	-145.1	-6556.5
Cotton	467.4	269.2	-7.4	58.7	46.7	-48.9

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Election of management board in IFFCO, KRIBHCO & NAFED

†3274. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for electing management board in cooperatives like IFFCO, KRIBHCO and NAFED with details thereof;

(b) the reasons for elections to KRIBHCO going unopposed over the years, whether it smells of individual conspiracy or monopoly;

(c) the number of allegations against KRIBHCO, Chairman, under consideration of the Government;

(d) whether frequent unopposed election of an individual accused of corruption and embezzlement is not indicative of some people hijacking this institution through money and muscle power, if so, the measures being taken by Government to remove them; and

(e) the details of expenditure incurred on foreign tours of KRIBHCO chairman, by Government and KRIBHCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The Board of Directors of a multi-state Cooperative Society is constituted and elected as per the provisions of Section 41 & 45 of Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 2002. The procedure for election of Board of Directors of a multi-state Cooperative Society is given in the Rule 19 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2002 and Schedule attached to the Rules.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.